

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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- ~~1. The process for preparing 4-amino-5-hexenoic acid, and its pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof which comprises the steps:~~
 - ~~(a) thermally rearranging erythritol to 4-formyl-3-hydroxy-1-butene,~~
 - ~~(b) thermally rearranging 4-formyl-3-hydroxy-1-butene to ethyl 6-formyloxy-4-hexenoate, followed by the conversion of the formate to its corresponding alcohol,~~
 - ~~(c) converting the so-produced ethyl 6-hydroxy-4-hexenoate to ethyl 6-trichloroacetimidoxyl-4-hexenoate by reaction with trichloroacetonitrile, followed by its thermal rearrangement to its imidate ethyl-4-trichloroacetoamido-5-hexenoate which, by hydrolysis is converted to the desired 4-amino-5-hexenoic acid, and optionally converting said acid to a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof~~
- ~~2. Ethyl 6-formyloxy-4-hexenoate.~~
- ~~3. Ethyl 6-trichloroacetimidoxyl-4-hexenoate~~
- ~~4. 4-Ethyl-4-trichloroacetoamido-5-hexenoate.~~